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THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY.

President Cleveland has not, as yet, earned the support of his party. His party does not sustain him heartily in the policy to which he is pledged. It wants all the offices, wants them at once, and wants them badly, and suits because it does not get them. Such support as it gives him is only formal and perfunctory. Lawrence Barrett, the tragedian, who has been making a Southern tour, is reported in the *Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle* as giving rather a pathetic picture of the position of the president. Here is his statement:

"I spent a day with the president, and he was a good man, and really he presents a better picture to which he is pledged, by his inmates and doubtful friends. He feels his position keenly. He said to me, 'I have no money, and I have no men of their own, and I don't tick myself when I think about them; but I am only human, and am as liable to error as other men. But I get no general sympathy and honest patriotic counsel. All he has to do is to speak, and fainting, and swooning politicians, who have no right to get themselves and friends in office. But for the occasional wave of popular endorsement that breaks its way over the office seekers and politicians, there is no one about me who can give me any counsel, or a word of true speed, fresh from the people. I should break down, break and disintegrate."

This is reproduced in the *New York Herald* with the remark that "no one can read it without being touched with the pathos of the president's words." But the *Herald's* writer adds that a large part of his trouble would be removed if he would be given the right of some of the politicians of which he complains. "If he would adopt the simple expedient of insisting that all communications to him or to his cabinet on matters of appointments or removals from office must be in writing, and that everything of this kind should be open to the public inspection, he is deceived, disappointed, and grieved only because he consents to protect the men who deserve him. He finds it uphill work to carry out that policy of civil service reform to which he is pledged, only because he is surrounded and hampered by men from the opposite knowledge of the plots, intrigues and deceptions of which he is the victim, and guards from that indignation the men who are the authors of these plots and intrigues." Again: "Why should it have been left for a republican senator (Harrison) to expose in the senate the fact that nearly all the democratic state officers of Indiana had urged and obtained the appointment of a man to an important office so unfit that his appointment was no sooner known but the author, democrats and republicans alike, loudly protested against it, and it had to be canceled? If his application for office had been public, instead of being kept secret, the world would have kept the secret from making an appointment which undoubtedly mortified him."

This is from a source in every way friendly to the president; nor is it all implied by partisan hostility to his party. As to the status of the party itself there is this testimony from the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, a paper whose devotion to the party is proverbial:

"Four months have passed since congress met, and the country is as much in the dark concerning the party's platform as it was when it sat down to vote. More than this, many of the boys entertained by the party have died out. Few of the promised men in the convention have been kept. Every indication points to extravagant appropriations and extravagance in the use of the party's money. Democratic expenses are found on each side of every proposition. Democrats advocate a continuation of the war tariff. Democrats are on the educational and on the treasury. Democrats are on a postal system. Democrats are on a national bank. Democrats insist on the organization of post-office savings banks in order to give the government control of the savings of the people. Democrats urge subsidies for innumerable schemes, \$100,000,000 for the defense of the coast, the coastwise steamship, and unlimited appropriations for the Homestead and canal law. On none of these serious questions has the position of the party been defined. There is a lamentable lack of intelligence and leadership."

We believe that the democratic party will come round at least to a professed support of the president's policy, but it is not clear, because it must do so or go to destruction; but whether the party will be able to develop a policy of its own, and unite upon it, is more questionable. It differs within itself on every possible question, and it is not at all improbable that before the present administration closes it will find that the power it sought so long in vain will bring to it more general disintegration than all its defeats.

## A MISTAKEN POLICY.

The *Indiana Journal*, judges from indications, that the population of Indiana will be increased to 25 per cent by immigration during the current year. If such an increase is in any degree possible, the question of what the new comers will find to do will shortly become a serious one. Such of these as are able to buy land and who understand farming can take care of themselves and will, by their prosperity, contribute to the prosperity of the country. But what of those who are not farmers, and who have spent all their means in making the journey? What industry invites immigrants of any mechanical class to come into the state, but the breaking up of the condition of life. Individual development, thousands of people who are dependent upon the date of their hands for support is a mistaken one. More than this, it is liable to prove misleading, inasmuch as an idle population especially becomes discontented, ready and clamorous. There is an abundance of room, and plenty welcome here for those who have a start in the world, and who seek to engage in farming, stock raising or fruit and vine growing. There is no room for capitalists who are looking for opportunities, but in any of the state's industries, and the great agricultural prosperity of a state's prosperity. White, however, the labor question continues as at present, to menace capital, that continues to give employment to those who must work for a living, there is little prospect that the manufacturing interests of any part of the country will grow. And, until such growth is witnessed in Oregon it is not the part of wisdom to urge money men, especially those who have families to support by working for others, to come here. An increase of population is not desirable beyond the limit justified by the opportunities offered to labor, and the country in that state that boasts the largest increase in population, and the largest working employment will, most likely have the largest list of discontented people, who brought about the mischances that brought them hither.

There are hundreds of people in the state without the quality denominated "faculty" in New England who do not "get along." To be sure, this condition became chronic with them long before they came here, but they brought with them their unreasonable expectations, and they incurred the cabin, poor and crude bread of the middle west as deplored luxuries. They are willing to work, but there is nothing, for a greater part of the year, for them to do. They will, however, if they can, and if they have a little land under cultivation and stock and implements to work it, but they have none of these things and no money wherewithal to purchase. To add to their number is to make a numerical showing of increase in population, without adding to the industrial or financial showing of the state in the least. The great mistake of all this country is to be hasty to become populous, by drawing from other sections the daughers and matrons that, wherever they are found, are always ready to emigrate and aixsue to "try their luck" somewhere else.

The *New York Herald* of the 13th inst. contains what purports to be a dispatch from this city, in which it is stated that letters have been received here by agents of the six Chinese companies, to the effect that they had entered into a contract with the Mexican government whereby the Chinese agreed to send 500,000 Chinese to Mexico within the next twelve months. The Mexican government agreed to give the Chinese twenty acres of land "to start civilization left

## MRS. GRAY'S BAKERY.

New England food. The steamer was sold at auction to the Bakers for \$100.

The brutal boycott of Mrs. Gray's bakery in New York has created a stir in the metropolis as no other event of the year has done. All the newspapers are talking about it. They are printing columns of editorials and letters on the subject, many of which are very interesting reading, even at this distance. The *Evening Post* quotes the law of New York and insists that it shall be put in force against the boycott at once. It says:

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